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Commencement in 1939

One alumna who came back to Wesleyan this commencement said, "Things are happy again for the first commencement season since the Centennial."

It was true. For the first commencement in several years it was possible to believe in the secure future of Wesleyan, with the campaign more than half-way behind us, and the friends and alumnae of the college and the Methodist church so loyally pledged to stand by until Wesleyan's financial troubles are past.

Alumnae Meeting

"Alumnae Day" was Saturday, May 27th, and the annual meeting of alumnae began at 10:30 in the faculty room at Rivoli, with Anabel Horn presiding. A more-than-capacity crowd filled the room and overflowed into the adjoining vestibule.

Ruth Field, A.B., '23, on furlough from Japan where she teaches in a kindergarten school, gave the invocation. Margaret (Zat-tau) Roan, first vice-president, gave a report of club activities and of the Club Presidents' Dinner which was held Friday evening at Isabelle Kinnett's home. Octavia (Burden) Stewart, chairman of finance, reported on the Loyalty Fund for the year.

Ruby (Jones) Grace, former alumnae trustee, announced the nomination of Mattie (Huff) Jennings of Pennsylvania, a member of the class of '91, as alumnae trustee to succeed Dr. Sara Branham of Washington, D. C.

At the memorial service for alumnae who have died during the past year, Hazel (Hamilton) Rogers, A.B., '11, sang "There Is No Death." The list of alumnae dead was read and a beautiful bowl of flowers placed on the table in memory of these alumnae. In charge of this service were Anne (Shaw) Richardson and Jennie (Riley) Crump.

Linda (McKinney) Anderson's report of

the status of the Wesleyan campaign, and Alleen (Poer) Hinton's "The Wesleyan Tapestry Plan of Giving" appear elsewhere in the magazine. Ruth (Houser) Garrett, efficient and successful alumnae chairman of South Georgia for the campaign, told the group in her enthusiastic way how she and her committees planned and carried through the Wesleyan campaign in Ft. Valley so that every alumna, every Methodist, and every person who could be interested in helping the college was appealed to. No one could hear her without realizing that it is possible to rouse a community in the interest of Wesleyan, if only a small group of alumnae with plans and determination enough will undertake it. Sue (Tanner) McKenzie told of some ways for alumnae clubs to make money.

A delightful feature of the meeting was a group of songs by Grace (Laramore) Hightower, A.B. and B.M., '20, accompanied by Mrs. Paul McLarty of Thomaston.

Dr. John Donald Wade of Marshallville, member of the faculty of the University of Georgia and son of Ida (Frederick) Wade of the class of 1880, delighted the audience with his talk on "Liberal Education".

Induction of the Class of 1939

The beautiful ceremony of induction of seniors into the Alumnae Association was held at 12:30, when the senior class, in caps and gowns, marched in to light their candles at those held by their older sister, the alumnae.

Holding the alumnae candles were members of the reunion class of 1885: Alice (Lowrey) Davenport, Annie (Cargill) Cook, Del-lie (Freeman) Young, Belle (Harris) Cohen, and Susie Adele (Berry) McCrory; Ida (Frederick) Wade, mother of the guest speaker; Minnie (Bass) Burden, grandmother of Ann Maria Domingos of the class of '39; and the alumnae mothers of the seniors.

The newspaper sent a photographer to

make pictures of the candle ceremony and one of these appeared in the *Telegraph and News* next day.

Announcement for the 1940 Commencement

Polly (Pierce) Corn, commencement chairman for this year, made the following announcement about next year:

"In 1840 the first college for women graduated its first class of eleven young women. The occasion is described as 'one of deep and thrilling excitement,' and indeed it was of great importance, the first such occasion ever held in the world.

"In 1940 we shall celebrate this event in a manner appropriate to its importance. The trustees have already passed a resolution approving these plans.

"All alumnae are invited to be present next commencement for the one hundredth anniversary of the graduation of the first Wesleyan class!"

The Luncheon

Immediately following the meeting of the alumnae, there was a luncheon in the college dining room for all alumnae. With Polly (Pierce) Corn in charge, this was a delightful occasion. Reservations were made ahead of time, and alumnae seated according to

class groups, with an alumnae hostess at each table.

The tables were beautifully decorated with spring flowers. Bruce (Cleckler) Flanders and her committee had planned attractive garden hats as flower holders.

More than 250 alumnae were present.

College and Conservatory Programs

Friday evening of commencement the Speech Department presented "Ladies in Waiting," a three-act comedy, honoring the visiting alumnae.

Saturday evening the musical soiree and graduation exercises of the Conservatory took place in the old college chapel, with diplomas awarded to eleven graduates.

Sunday morning the baccalaureate sermon was delivered at old Mulberry Street Church for the first time in several years. The sermon by the Rev. J. Wallace Hamilton of Pasadena Church, St. Petersburg, Fla., was pronounced by many of his hearers to be "the best in the history of the college."

Monday morning, in the Wesleyan gymnasium, the College graduation exercises were held, with President Archie M. Palmer of the University of Chattanooga, as speaker.



THE DAUGHTERS, GRANDDAUGHTERS, AND GREAT GRANDDAUGHTERS OF ALUMNAE

in the class of 1939 numbered more than a third of the class. The above picture does not do any of them justice, but was the best we could do in the hurried time before the academic procession. They are:

Front row, left to right: Mary Eva Sowell, Ann Maria Domingos, Molly Ray Respass, Barbara Davis.

Seated on the arms of the divan: Billie King, Carolyn Malone.

Back row: Frances Brown, Eugenia Anderson, Sara Smith, Addie Rie McKellar, Mary Lovett Sharpe, Joanna Johnson, Clara Puckett, Louise Wadsworth, Evelyn Timmerman, Maryann Smith, Jean Bell.

Status of the Campaign

*As told to the alumnae at Commencement by Linda (McKinney) Anderson,
Campaign Chairman*

We have in these last six months been given our great opportunity. We, as Wesleyan Alumnae are being tested as never before—We are being tried, and either found loyal and worthy of being called Wesleyan Alumnae or found wanting.

When we met here last year for Commencement we were “rarin’” to go. We had been restrained so long and felt that if we were just turned loose and allowed to get to work nothing would be too much trouble for us to do to free Wesleyan of the fetters that had so long bound her.

No doubt it has been for all of us a year of hard work, of many disappointments, but at the same time of many thrills and of much satisfaction. There are many of us who have given ourselves to a greater degree than ever before to the cause for which we have labored. There are some of us who will never be quite the same again.

For all of us who have put so much of ourselves into the effort to save Wesleyan there must be a sense of encouragement and satisfaction that we have passed the half-way mark; that after six months of effort we have secured \$330,000; that we have made the first payment on the repurchase of the Wesleyan properties, and that the deeds are back in our hands. Isn't this cause for rejoicing? Isn't this an incentive to us to “press toward the mark, forgetting those things which are behind” us (all the hard work, all the unpleasant things that may have come to us) and “reaching forth unto those things which are before” until our work is entirely done?

No doubt you would like to hear the very latest report.

The total subscriptions, actually on the books on May 26th, (yesterday) amount to \$330,171.19. Of this, the alumnae subscriptions amount to \$83,853.87 a little more than one-fourth the total. Number of alumnae subscribed 1,506. We have 5,500 alumnae. This leaves 4,000 alumnae who have given nothing.

I feel sure there are very few alumnae who can not give something. Won't you stress this as you talk to the alumnae? Wouldn't it be splendid if we could have 100 per cent of the alumnae **contributing**?

We have been striving for an average in Alumnae gifts of \$100.00 each. At present our average stands at \$55.68.

Won't you be thinking about this and if you can, bring your subscription up to \$100.00 if it was less? Possibly some gave without thinking much about it; without realizing how many gifts of \$100.00 and less it takes to make \$600,000. Maybe some were still thinking of the rich man who would come forward with the big gift and pay off all our debts. That would be wonderful, but we see now that that is not happening. We believe something like that will happen when the educational world sees that we think enough of Wesleyan to buy her back. I can not stress too strongly the responsibility of the Alumnae in this undertaking.

There is no gift too small for an Alumna to give if it is the most she can give. What we want to stress is giving according to our varying circumstances.

I recall a gift of \$4.00 that to me seems one of the largest gifts we have received, because it bears the marks of sacrifice. I think of a gift of \$25.00 that to me is one of the smallest, because of what I believe that Alumna could have given.

Jesus commended the widow's mite, not because of the amount she gave, but because of what she had left.

Last year we faced a campaign for \$600,000. This year we must raise \$270,000. We want to have the whole amount pledged by March 1940. The Standardizing Agencies have been very kind and lenient with us for several years, but have set the deadline for us at their next meeting which is March 1940. This does not mean that the whole amount must be paid by then, but that it must be pledged. We must have it in sight. We have

until December 1940 to pay the pledges where necessary.

The payments are to be made as follows:

June 5, 1939	\$12,675.00
November 1, 1939	50,000.00
March 15, 1940	32,675.00
June 15, 1940	35,000.00
December 1, 1940	\$332,500.00

This big payment of \$332,500.00 is the mountain that looms before us. It is the desire of the Campaign Committee that we hold what we have for that payment, and raise these other amounts as they fall due. This would be a wonderful thing to do, and would take a great weight from our minds.

I know many of the alumnae are asking themselves and each other, "What is the plan? What can I do next?"

Well here are some of the things that we can be doing now. Most of them come out of the all-day meeting of the Campaign Committee on May 16th.

1. Get New Students

The importance of increasing the student body is greater today than ever before. This is a place every alumna can help: I heard Dr. Anderson say a few days ago that students themselves are the greatest help in securing new students, and next to them come the alumnae. This is something we can work on all the time. Won't you go home, see your high school graduates and their parents, and try to persuade them to come to Wesleyan?

2. Finish up the Campaigns in the Churches

The records show that from 268 Churches in Georgia no report has been made. Very few churches have finished their Campaigns in full. You know we have promised that every Methodist in Georgia would be given an opportunity to subscribe to Wesleyan. In many churches only a few have given, and of those who have already pledged there are many who can give more than pledged. Rev. Clary and Dr. LaPrade are starting out on an intensive campaign to finish up the Churches' part. They will be calling on some of us to help them. I am sure you can be counted on to do this.

3. Some of Us May Have to Increase Our Subscriptions

Many have written us in sending in their pledges, "I feel that this is all I can pledge now, but I hope to give more next year."

Many can give next year just what they have given this year. Won't you be thinking about that, and if possible send in another pledge in the fall?

4. Many of us have friends who are not Alumnae, but whom we can interest in giving five, ten or twenty-five dollars to Wesleyan. Right here let me tell you about "Miss Lucy." She is a little woman who lives in a small Georgia town. First, she made a pledge; then last fall she wrote every member of her class asking them to send in a subscription. She then went to her friends in her home town and asked them to make pledges—some of them very, very small, the largest \$25.00. She collects these pledges monthly, or any way the donors want to pay, and sends them in. In the meantime she increased her own pledge. She has already sent in \$365.85; not including the pledges that have come in from her classmates as the result of her solicitations. This woman stands out in my mind because she "hath done what she could." Miss Lucy has become a real character in the Campaign Office. We are going to follow her example this fall, and ask the Class Secretaries to write every member of their classes, asking for a pledge, and we are asking you and writing others asking that they solicit their friends and raise at least \$100.00 each over and above your own pledge.

5. The Campaign Committee asks that we help them in the compilation of lists of prospects who might subscribe \$500.00 or more. If you know of anyone in this class, if you will send their names and addresses to the Alumnae Office, they will be given to the proper person.

6. In the fall our main efforts are to be devoted to benefits, and Mrs. McKenzie is going to talk to us along that line a little bit later.

Our success so far must not lull us into complacency, but spur us on to work harder than ever for this next lap of our race, just as the racer has to use whip and spur and put out unusual or superhuman effort in the last lap.

Let us gird ourselves for another year of sacrificial service, realizing the great relief, and the great joy that will be ours when this task is accomplished.

The Honor Societies

Phi Delta Phi, the Wesleyan College honor society recognizing scholarship, had as guest speaker for its annual commencement open meeting Dr. W. D. Hooper, professor of Latin at the University of Georgia, who spoke on "The Scholar".

A tea honoring the new members of the society was held in the grand parlor. Elected to the society this year were: Miss Janet McDonald, instructor in history and member of Phi Beta Kappa, and the following members of the class of 1939: Mary Leila Gardner, Addie Rie McKellar, Margaret Gaillard, Ann Maria Domingos, Joanna Johnson, and Mary Eva Sowell.

Officers of Phi Delta Phi are: President, Mary Dozier; Vice-President, Helen (Ross) Dennia; Secretary and Treasurer, Frances Brooks.

Mu Alpha Mu, the Wesleyan Conservatory honor society, elected five new members this year: Dorothy Rountree, Christine Lewis, Bertie Bigleman, Jesse Manley, and Margaret McKinnon. An induction ceremony took place immediately following the luncheon at Wesleyan on Alumnae Day.

Officers of Mu Alpha Mu are: Lila Mae Chapman, President; Elsie Lowden, Vice-President; Frances Owens, Secretary and Treasurer.

Among the Alumnae Present At Commencement Were:

Nyok Mei (Pan) Chen of the class of 1918, wife of the Chinese Prime Minister, who is visiting friends in the states. She came to Wesleyan with her college friend, Ida Shelnutt of Sandersville, who promises to write something about Nyok Mei for the fall alumnae magazine.

Minnie (Smith) Ziegler of Columbus, representative of the Columbus Club, live-wire publicity chairman, who also attended the Atlanta Club tea for alumnae writers in May. She registered her little niece, Louise, nine years old, as a future Wesleyan student. As soon as she got back to Columbus she put an article into the local paper giving the highlights of commencement, and early in June entertained the Columbus club at her home to make plans for entertaining prospective Wesleyan students in Columbus.

Alice (Lowrey) Davenport of Columbus, class secretary of 1885, who has been writ-

ing to every member of her class all during the year about their reunion at commencement, and who shared with those who were present the honor of lighting the senior candles at the Induction Ceremony. Her husband, the Rev. T. E. Davenport, retired Methodist minister, and two of her three Wesleyan alumnae daughters, Frances (Davenport) Rylander and Claudia (Davenport) Leonard, were with her at Wesleyan for the Commencement season.

Lucy Gleaton of Conyers, class secretary of 1899, who was introduced to the alumnae at their meeting Saturday by Linda (McKinney) Anderson, campaign chairman, because of her excellent work in the Wesleyan campaign.

Ida (Frederick) Wade of Marshallville, A.B., '80, whose son, Dr. John Donald Wade, was guest speaker at the Alumnae meeting.

The Wesleyan Tapestry

An Address at Commencement by Alleen Poer Hinton

"A plan for honoring the men and women of Wesleyan's past and present; the distinguished in service, the loyal in heart whatever their part in the making of Wesleyan's history."

It is an old Wesleyan custom! Certainly it is an old Wesleyan Alumnae custom. I hold in my hand the volume of early minutes of the organization, beginning in 1859. The preamble to its constitution sets forth in fine penmanship and fine phrases the early ambition of the "Wesleyan Alumnean Association": "Anxious to revive the friendships formed in our girlhood, to enliven the future by prospects of re-unions, to furnish food for thought and profitable reflection by inquiries into the characters, histories and deaths of those with whom we have associated and mingled in days that are past, and to form a nucleus around which many shall

unite in the future, as well as to contribute to the strength and prosperity of our Alma Mater, we, the graduates of Wesleyan Female College agree to form ourselves into an association."

The incident of war evidently made impossible the triennial re-unions through which the friendships of girlhood were to be revived but not for long. By 1866 the Alumnean Association was opening with prayer, electing its officers, counting its funds and appointing its committees on "table arrangements" and on "memoirs".

In 1872 it was "resolved that the entertainment at commencement should be very simple"; and in the next recorded minute "it was resolved that an effort be made to raise funds to erect a monument for Mr. Bonnell".

The desires to "enliven the re-union" and "furnish food for thought by profitable re-



THIS BUILDING NAMED IN HONOR OF THE
LATE COL. SAM TATE

flection" run parallel. Engaging the Silver Cornet Band to play in front of the college on the evening of the re-union; reading a letter from the Gentlemen of the Boat Clubs offering their services for the benefit of the association led to the brave resolve that a portion of the proceeds from the Regatta be used for the supper—to which all the gentlemen were invited—and "the rest to contribute towards erecting a monument for Mr. Bonnell".

That was in June—by July, the Regatta was growing in glamour and it was "resolved that all the Regatta funds be devoted to the supper and to incidental expenses". But the memorial was not forgotten. A committee of twelve was appointed to raise funds for the monument to Dr. Bonnell, this committee to consist of ladies living in different cities. It was to be most carefully selected by the president, recording secretary and corresponding secretary after first conferring with the college trustees. Further the triennial fees were to be devoted to the tablet.

Alas! These early minutes are models of brevity! There is no record of the names of the chosen twelve; no account of the funds raised by them. However, we can rejoice that the youthful scribe did not fail to record that "it was resolved, that the sincerest thanks of the Alumnean Association be tendered the Regatta Club for the services they so generously rendered in our behalf. Could the glow in our hearts at the remembrance of their kindness be transferred to these words the paper would beam with light."

Having left us this we can forgive their unconcern with figures. That the fund was raised we know. A beautiful white marble tablet in the chapel entrance forever reminds us that he, Dr. Bonnell, was "exalted in all that constitutes true manhood", that he was a "finished scholar, a peerless teacher and a guileless Christian". This tablet is inscribed as having been "erected to his beloved memory by those alumnae who enjoyed the benefit of his pious example and noble instructions".

In 1876 a special meeting was called for the purpose of discussing raising funds to have painted a portrait of Dr. Lovick Pierce. The portrait now hangs over the mantel in the Conservatory dining room.

Thus through succeeding records of triennial

meetings do we find the desire to keep in memory the men whose lives are woven into the fabric of Wesleyan's early days.

Our minutes are not always clear as to when and how these memorials were completed. Often funds were being raised for two at the same time; some were unfortunately never accomplished but as we all know our chapel holds many tablets, most of them erected by the alumnae. These proclaim to all who enter there the quality of living and teaching which has become the Wesleyan tradition. That it is so recognized I know for I have a friend, not an alumnae, who always tells me: "The Wesleyan chapel is the most significant building you have because of those tablets which give it such an atmosphere". Have we not reason to be proud?

It is Plato, who has instructed us that "hereditary honors are a noble and splendid treasure to descendants." Whose heart is not still filled with emotion when he reads that Dr. Myers "died a martyr to duty" or that Dr. Bass "served the college faithfully for thirty-five years, loving it as his own life until the end".

As the years went on our mothers made more definite plans and in 1888 we find them organizing a committee of one hundred, each of whom was to obligate herself to secure 10 subscriptions of \$10 each to establish an endowment for memorials. But as the demand for other endowments grew memorial funds were absorbed in expansion programs.

Tablets have been erected to Drs. Lovick Pierce, Bonnell, Myers, O. L. Smith, Cosby Smith and Dr. Bass. Mr. Everett, a generous benefactor, was also honored.

In 1923 the alumnae endowed a chair, honoring Alice Culler Cobb, and a few years ago the Trustees and Alumnae named the Chair of Biology for William Capers Bass. There are two other endowed chairs one given by Judge Chandler in honor of President Dupont Guerry and the Lovick Pierce Chair of Mathematics.

Shall we not take up again this noble tradition weaving in from each succeeding generation names that are significant in Wesleyan's history? We are beginning splendidly. The tapestry plan is working about as we hoped. We can report today some beautiful tributes.

Miss Horn and Mrs. Fred Cole of Atlanta each have a room honoring their mother.

Sons also are remembering their mothers. Mr. and Mrs. Washington Dessau and Mr. and Mrs. Broadus Willingham, Jr., have chosen thus to show honor to their mothers. We all rejoice to know that there will be a room bearing the name of Lillian (Roberts) Solomon.

The family of Ruby (Jones) Grace is selecting a lovely room to honor her. Edith (Stetson) Coleman's children gave a room at Christmas as a Christmas tribute to their mother. Sue (Tanner) McKenzie, Lydia (Tanner) Weaver, and Mary (Tanner) Pattillo are honoring both their mother and father.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. C'Neal will pay tribute to their mother and father in this lovely way. Mrs. George S. Jones has selected the Y. W. C. A. Hall in memory of the late Mr. George S. Jones.

Another beautiful room will be a memorial to Mr. Richard F. Burden, husband of Minnie (Bass) Burden and father of Alice (Burden) Domingos, Octavia (Burden) Stewart, and Eugene Burden.

A room named for Roberta (Hardeman) Jones, given by her children will be used by her granddaughter, Roberta Jones, when she comes to Wesleyan.

The room used by Eloise Ainsworth has been chosen by her grandparents, Bishop and Mrs. W. N. Ainsworth, as a memorial to their daughter, Eloise.

Nearby will be a room in memory of Josephine Anthony, daughter of Wesleyan's friend and former trustee, the Rev. Bascom Anthony.

Several of our most loyal alumnae have had rooms named for them by their husbands. Mr. E. E. Chance of Waynesboro and Mr. W. E. Chenery of Boston, Mass., have selected parlors to honor their wives. Mr. Charles W. Ford of Atlanta and Mr. Richard E. Findley of Macon have designated rooms in memory of their wives.

A beautiful tribute is a room named for our own Jennie Loyall by Annie (Bates) Haden. The many missionaries who have

gone out from Wesleyan have been remembered by the Woman's Missionary Society of the South Georgia Conference.

Two rooms have been selected by this year's staff of the VETERROPT.

The roll of those whose names will appear on the bronze tablets in the library is much too long to be called. There are already three hundred and forty-nine of these, mostly alumnae; and we confidently expect double that number by next commencement.

There will be many more of these individual gifts. A committee is devoting careful attention to the selection of the plates to mark them. That they must be chaste as well as enduring and in keeping with these beautiful interiors we are all agreed.

There are many others that we as an alumnae association hold in our hearts and as a united group desire to honor in the plan. It is only for the alumnae that the college has a past as well as a present—a future which hallows its past.

Linda Anderson Lane has beautifully started the faculty list by giving her own gift to honor her teacher, Joseph Maerz. A room in memory of Emily Allen Siler, beloved of many has also already been given. The Dean's office will be named in memory of Professor Hinton, Wesleyan's first dean.

Several alumnae have requested that their gifts be used to start a memorial for both Mrs. Burks and Prof. Leon Smith. The location of these memorials will not be decided until after each of us has had an opportunity to make our gifts.

It is in us that those who have lived and loved and served Wesleyan these hundred years find their real monument. "What our fathers have bequeathed to use we must earn to possess". It is for us to perpetuate their names, their work, their ideals; not by raising just tablets of silver or bronze but by

*Rearing a monument alone,
More durable than brass or stone,
Whose cloudy summit is more hid,
Than regal height of pyramid.*

FROM THE COLUMBUS CLUB

Just as the Alumnae meeting began on Alumnae Day, a letter arrived from Elizabeth Harris, treasurer of the Columbus Wesleyan Club, enclosing a check for \$80.00, a Commencement gift to Wesleyan from the club.

Club Presidents' Dinner

On Friday evening, May 26th, the first annual Wesleyan Club Presidents' Dinner was held at the lovely home of Isabelle Kinnett at Rivoli. It was a great success! Margaret (Zattau) Roan, national vice-president in charge of clubs, has already begun plans for another such dinner next Commencement, and it is her hope that **every single** Wesleyan club will be represented. She is telling you this far ahead in order that you may plan to that end.

There were twenty guests, some of them club presidents, some club representatives sent in place of the presidents who could not come, some national officers, and one, Miss Simonson of Atlanta, an alumna of a large university who wanted to "see how it was

done". In her own college, she said, one took one's degree and never thereafter had any contact with the college whatever!

Alumnae present were:

Margaret (Zattau) Roan, Atlanta; Robert (Graham) Warner, Atlanta; Annabel Horn, Atlanta; Irene (Sewell) Hobby, Atlanta; Nida (McGehee) Ferrell, Atlanta; Minnie (Smith) Ziegler, Columbus; Martha Cooper, Perry; Reba (Moore) Standifer, Blakely; Mattie (Carter) Davis, Blakely; Irene (Murph) Banks, Newnan; Louise (Davis) Davison, Atlanta; Ruth (Pike) Key, Atlanta; Linda (Anderson) Lane, Macon; Alleen (Poer) Hinton, Macon; Mary (Rudisill) Trippe, Milledgeville; Isabelle Kinnett, Macon; Augusta (Finney) Becking, Signal

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ATLANTA CLUBS' PRESIDENTS

Irene (Sewell) Hobby, retiring president (center), and Louise (Davis) Davison, incoming president (right) sip punch with the hostess of the annual meeting, Ruth (Pike) Key, (left).

Said of the Macon Alumnae Club At Commencement

By Linda (Anderson) Lane, President of the Club

"I am proud of the Macon Alumnae. They measured up to even my difficult requirements.

"Early in the fall we conducted a quiet campaign of cultivation among alumnae for information and inspiration. Our fall meeting was inspiring; by spoken pledges alumnae dedicated themselves to the cause. After that meeting I never had any doubt about the Macon alumnae. There were 91 volunteers for active campaign work, and meetings of the workers were almost unanimously attended each time.

"It is impossible to estimate the amount of work done by Macon alumnae. It was not a whirlwind affair, but a painstaking, patient process of visiting other alumnae, answering questions and criticisms, coming back, never letting up until we had done our best to secure good will and a pledge to help save the college.

"Four hundred and fifty-nine alumnae have pledged to the campaign in Macon. Every single alumna was solicited at least once, sometimes three or four times, one as many as twelve times.

"Just before the fateful day March 15th, we called a mass meeting of Macon alumnae. A wonderful spirit was shown, and many alumnae increased their gifts. Many went out and worked like Trojans those two days before the 15th.

"The amount pledged by Macon alumnae was \$38,458.67, an average of \$85.00 for each alumna.

"One result is an interest in Wesleyan on the part of Macon alumnae as never before. Our great college will come out of her tribulation all the richer in the love and loyalty of her daughters."

Club Presidents' Dinner

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Mountain, Tenn.; Eunice Thomson, Macon; Jennie Loyal, Macon.

After a delightful supper planned by Isabelle Kinnett and including not only everything good to eat from hot rolls to ice cream, but such extra touches as tiny nosegays for the guests and little animals made of ripe olives, colored toothpicks and carrot shavings, Margaret Roan led a discussion on club plans and activities.

We talked of the purpose of an alumnae club, the number and kind of meetings, the ways to interest high school girls in the college, how to get the best publicity in the newspapers, the importance of sending representatives to the Alumnae Council Meeting and to the Commencement meeting, and—most important of all—the plans for the

forthcoming Handbook for Wesleyan Alumnae Clubs, which is to be printed this summer.

We talked and talked, and everybody had an idea to contribute. It was ten-thirty before we knew it, and still a group of us hung about looking over the sample year-books and newspaper clippings that club presidents had brought for exhibit.

If you are a member of a Wesleyan Alumnae Club, the way to get inspiration and new ideas for your organization is to have someone present at the dinner next year. If there is no club in your home and you want to organize one, write to Margaret Roan (991 Oakdale Rd. N.E., Atlanta, Ga.) or the Wesleyan Alumnae Office about it. We shall all be glad to help you.

WESLEYAN CAMPAIGN

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The Atlanta Club Honors Alumnae Writers

By Minnie (Smith) Ziegler, 1913

Early in the year the Atlanta Wesleyan Club began the task of finding out which Wesleyan alumnae of the 6,000 on the active roll, are interested in writing in order to honor them at a tea in Atlanta on May 23rd. They poured over the Class Notes in the alumnae magazines for the past fourteen years, making a list of all who were mentioned as having had anything published, or of being in newspaper or magazine work.

It is evident that there are many whose work has been unintentionally omitted from these pages, and the club wishes to add to its list from time to time for future occasions. If you know of any Wesleyan alumna who is interested in writing, won't you notify the club?

Presiding over the meeting was Irene (Sewell) Hobby, president of the Atlanta Club for the past two years.

Margaret Richards, chairman of the invitation and program committee, in her opening remarks, stated that more than one hundred letters were written to alumnae of literary distinction in nearly every state in the country and also in China inviting them to Atlanta. Nearly one hundred talented alumnae in various sections of the country replied graciously to Atlanta's invitations. The Atlanta club shares some of these with us, making no claim that they represent all alumnae writers, but feeling that it will be of interest to every Wesleyan alumna to know of the successes which have come to some of her sisters. Communications received from alumnae who are active in writing revealed many interesting facts. Included in specialty writing are those engaged in writing for newspapers, trade journals, magazines, pageants, church publications, plays, club papers, children's books, text books, language and science books, periodicals, poems, travel, fiction and historical books.

Modesty was the keynote of all communications. The alumnae disclaimed any right of title. Each expressed her love and loyalty to her Alma Mater, paying tribute to the teachers of Wesleyan for their interest, influence and encouragement. They stated emphatically that whatever they had attained or should attain was due primarily to the inspiration of the years spent within the hospitable walls of the renowned old college. Too great a tribute could not be paid to the spirit and traditions of their Alma Mater.

A striking note was revealed in that many alumnae of Wesleyan are writing for religious publications showing the influence of Christian Education.

The Atlanta Wesleyan Association could not have planned a more fitting climax to this year of outstanding achievements than the writers' tea which will be a happy memory of all local and visiting alumnae who attended.

The alumnae writers present at the tea were:

Vera Courson, Columbus, Ga. Class of 1923. (Author of play presented by the Macon Little Theatre.)

Jennie Daughtry, Allentown, Ga. Class of 1910. (Newspaper and magazine articles.)

Lily Abbott Everett, Atlanta, Ga. Class of 1889. (Author of "Dance or Die," story of Confederate days in Georgia.)

Rachel (Lumpkin) Wyly, Forsyth, Ga. Class of 1913. (Author of a volume of verse.)

Ruby (Felder) Thomas, Atlanta, Ga. Class of 1890. (Author of "Historical Spots and Places in Georgia"; also articles in newspapers and national magazines.)

Miriam Rogers, Atlanta, Ga. A.B., '17. (Articles for religious publications; pageants.)

Minnie (Smith) Ziegler, Columbus, Ga. Class of 1913. (Short stories, pageants, newspaper stories. Was chairman of publicity during recent Wesleyan campaign in Columbus.)

Julia Sparks, Atlanta, Ga. M.B., '94. (State Publicity Chairman, Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs; edits "Cur Chart," monthly paper for Georgia Baptist Hospital.)

Lucile (Bryant) Johnson, LaGrange, Ga. Class of 1927. (Collaborated in writing "LaGrange, City of Elms and Roses", feature articles in newspapers; magazine articles.)

Annabel Horn, Atlanta, Ga. A.B., '06. (Author of Latin text-books; collaborated

on a play based upon the Aeneid, presented in Atlanta.)

Robert (Graham) Warner, Atlanta, Ga. Class of 1886. (Travalogs; was at one time regular feature writer for Atlanta papers.)

Rebecca (Caudill) Ayars, Urbana, Ill. A.B., '20. (Formerly editor of "The Torchbearer", a magazine for girls. Now edits "The Crossroads", a page for girls in The Household Magazine.)

"Your kind invitation, which I must regretfully decline, has created in me a longing to break away from all the Yankee ties that bind me and for the length of a tea time to drench my senses in the soft, kind accents of Southern voices. If I could be there taking tea with you, I should not talk, but I should listen to you talk, and then I should come away feeling I had been born again.

"Not that I'd choose differently if I had a choice to make again. I'd still marry the same Yankee I did marry, for naturally he is the most superlative of husbands. But he does say 'crick' for 'creek' and 'hawg' for 'hog'. And though he is not guilty, I have heard fellow Yankees of his say, in place of 'you all'—'youse'.

"And though I have come to love this elm-sheltered university town, not all the lilac and wild rose and flowering crab that scent the air these days in May can make up for the lack of magnolia trees. And though the birds have returned from their Southern holiday—the robin and the cardinal, the woodcock and the grackle, the red-winged blackbird and the oriole—I'd give them all to hear the wild, sweet singing of one lone mocking bird."

Clara Nell Hargrove, Macon, Ga. A.B., '29. (Writer of frequent book reviews for The Macon Telegraph.)

"With a humility that borders on positive embarrassment I reply to your generous invitation. Only by repeatedly reminding myself that the arm of coincidence could never stretch to find another name such as mine could I decide that your note had reached its destination.

"Having exercised a mind grown lax through a decade of teaching school to reach this startling conclusion, I was faced with the impossibility of writing something that would be acceptable for your program. After the manner of authors suddenly grown fa-

mous and being oh-so-off-hand about it, I could tell you of my early and still obscure literary efforts. And there really have been two, although how you suspected it I cannot fancy! Several years ago I collected an imposing lot of rejection slips—several quite friendly and encouraging, though unmistakably rejection slips; the others painfully conforming to type. The former I cherished several months, hopeful for this masterpiece, which was a **most** amusing dissertation on the threadbare clichés of American public speech. I still think of it with affection, and it is only by assuring myself that it is by now a complete anachronism that I can refrain from sending it to you and giving it at last a belated audience.

"My other effort was on the mercenary side, and the great problem of my life is to determine how such wise people as the manufacturers of Camay, Palmolive, Pontiacs, Oxydol, and Old Golds could fail to realize that the clever entries I submitted to their contests would have made millions for them, to say nothing of a few paltry thousands for me!"

Louise (Erminger) Harris, A.B., '08, and **Louise (Callaway) Cutler**, B.M., '16, Macon, Ga. (Members of The Macon Writers' Club. The former winner of Prose Prize of the Poetry Society of Georgia; the latter co-author of prize-winning one act play presented by the Macon Little Theatre.)

(Telegram)

We wish we could be with you to receive
your adulation,

But alas, we are not worthy of your charming
invitation,

For struggling amateurs are we and busy
housewives, too,

So modesty and homely tasks prohibit tea
with you!

Marie (Loehr) Arnold, Houston, Texas. Class of 1906. (Author of "Lift and Live", a book of poems; member of American Poetry Association, Inc.

She is a granddaughter of the late Dr. Young J. Allen, pioneer missionary-statesman and author, who spent fifty years in Shanghai, China, and of the late Mary (Houston) Allen, Wesleyan graduate of 1858.)

"I regret that I am neither a Chinese crow nor an American pigeon on this particular

occasion, for then I could fly and accept your lovely invitation. But—since I am just a human being tied up still, after three and a half years, in a hospital as a result of an almost fatal heart attack, I shall have to content myself with this message instead.

"It was at Wesleyan that I discovered that I could write and there, too, was born my ardent desire to write. In fact, I still have my first attempts in a notebook dated 1905! They suddenly came to life, and caused me many a smile and brought back sweet, poignant memories of dear old Wesleyan days.

"Teaching in China, Europe and America, lecturing here, there and yon on many subjects and doing twelve years of studio, class and platform work in Applied Psychology have enriched my life.

My book, 'Lift and Live' I wrote partly in hospitals and partly in my little convalescent corner while the doctors insisted I could not live. I can think of nothing I would rather do than present you girls a copy of it. I send it with a heart full of love of the heart from your Wesleyan sister".

Frances (Peabody) McKay, Macon, Ga. A.B., '25. (Member of Macon Quill Club. Author of many newspaper stories and feature articles.)

"I had looked forward to coming to the tea, although I felt I should be getting in by the back door. Now, however, my little boy is just out of the hospital, and although he made a remarkable recovery from pneumonia, I cannot leave him yet.

"As for my literary achievements, I am that lowest form of literary life, the publicity chairman. I write what I want the public to know and not what the public wants to know, and then try to bull-doze the newspapers into using it. How these Macon city editors would laugh at you for honoring me at a literary tea!

"Mother, too, **Mary (Hitch) Peabody**, A.B., '95, received an invitation to your tea, and does appreciate your asking her. She has had several children's stories accepted by American Childhood, a quite ritzy kindergarten magazine. Her stories were supplied to meet the demand of my two girls, so they were laboratory-tested."

Paula Snelling, Clayton, Ga. A.B., '19. (Co-editor with Lillian E. Smith of "The North

Georgia Review," a magazine of the Southern regions, which recently won for them a fellowship from the Julius Rosenwald Fund for the study of Southern literature.)

"I appreciate your invitation, and regret that I am unable to attend; but I am accepting your offer that I tell you something about the **Review**. Thank you for your interests.

"The North Georgia Review is now beginning its fourth year. The little magazine attempts to view the South, particularly the literature of the South, with sympathy and understanding but without avoidable bias. The editors believe that the region can best benefit itself by appraising itself honestly and by adopting as standards of comparison not the mediocre outputs of its own or of any other section, but the highest achievements of intellect, of spirit, of art, which have been made anywhere and at any time. They are trying to make of the little magazine an instrument which will aid toward attaining those ends.

"The editors recognize that the goal they have set themselves is difficult, and that while it may be approached more and more nearly, it will not be easily attained. But they have been heartened in their efforts by the generous reception the magazine has had. It would seem that the South is entering that stage of its growth where an attempt of this kind is widely and genuinely welcome. The Review has received a critical acclaim and has reached a longevity which are rare among little magazines. The recent grant of a Rosenwald Fellowship will be used by the editors to further their knowledge and understanding of various aspects of southern life and of southern literature."

Rebekah (Oliphant) Anthony, Thomasville, Ga. A.B., '23. (Writer of many newspaper stories and feature articles.)

"I have almost worn out your letter in which you numbered me among 'Wesleyan daughters who have won distinction in literary circles'. If I had failed to show that letter to any of my friends, I assure you it was purely an oversight and will be remedied almost immediately; I intend to preserve it in the archives of the Anthony family and I think my descendants will gather the impression therefrom that grandma made Pearl Buck and Margaret Mitchell 'shove over'!

"But I'm afraid it would be a bad error for me to come to the tea. Suppose somebody there should ask me what my literary accomplishments were these years since I have been a minister's wife and parent? All I could think of to answer would be (1) notes to my little boys' teachers; (2) lists,—laundry, grocery, etcetera; (3) minutes of the missionary society. No, I'd better stay home and leave the lovely illusion intact."

Sue Maxwell, New Haven, Conn. A.B., '20. (Newspaper articles; articles in educational publications.)

(Telegram)

"Greetings to the Atlanta Wesleyan Club and its guests and regrets that Yale's late term deprives me of the pleasure of having tea with you. To meet any Wesleyan group would be a pleasure. To meet with a group to which my Wesleyan roommates belong would be an added joy, and to be your guest of honor, though undeserved, would be happiness indeed. I will drink a cup of tea to you Tuesday at four and send my thoughts to you then."

Jean (Oliphant) Rentz, Douglas, Ga., A.B., '17. (Feature articles, book reviews, newspaper work. Member of Macon Writers' Club. Supply teacher of journalism last year.)

"The temptation to add another chapter to the fiction of Wesleyan's daughters by being one of the honorees at your tea tomorrow is exceedingly strong.

"At all author's teas I ever attended there was a rush for autographs. What could I do in a situation like that? Who would want my autograph in a book I hope to write? Who ever heard of autographing a Sunday Magazine article, or even an alumnae magazine article? I might sign my name to that news story of the Easter parade in Willie Ethridge's book, 'Mingled Yarn'. That's as near as I ever came to being put between pasteboard covers. But I'm afraid Willie might object. And while I'm confessing, let me solemnly assure you that I was not the original of the flapper reporter in Willie's tale.

"I hope that your effort to honor and encourage will start a revival of letters among Wesleyan's daughters, even though I have to sit on the mourners' bench because I can't 'come thoo'. Here's wishing with you that 'my continued success' will soon commence."

Lila May Chapman, Birmingham, Ala., A.B. ' (Articles in library periodicals, and in Phi Mu Fraternity magazines.)

"It is with high appreciation that I receive the invitation of the Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae to attend its annual spring meeting as one of the guests of honor on May 23rd.

"During the present struggle that every loyal daughter of Wesleyan is waging to free the college of financial strain, we need courage, faith in our Alma Mater, and joy in all the service that we can render her. May your association in Atlanta, so near to our college in Macon, continue strong and fine, achieving in her interest even greater success in the future. May the traditions of our beloved Wesleyan ever live in your memories and her love inspire you always."

Evelyn Hanna, Thomaston, Ga. Class of 1922. (Author of "Blackberry Winter," published by E. P. Dutton and Co., 1938.)

(Telegram)

"I have not answered your very kind invitation because I kept hoping I should be able to come. Now that I find it impossible, I can only send you my best wishes for a delightful meeting and deep regret that I cannot be with you."

Dorothy (Ware) Smith, Chicago, Ill., A.B., '30. (Author of "Church in the Valley," to be published 1939, by Garrett and Massie, Richmond, Va.)

"Your classing me with the Wesleyannes who have 'achieved distinction in literary circles' rather overwhelmed me, for the slight foothold that I have in such circles is very new and slippery. The book on which you base your words, I presume, is not yet out, but is expected in October. I enclose the announcement. Perhaps it may represent me in your literary group—just as another Wesleyan daughter who is making an attempt at literature."

("Church in the Valley" presents two hundred years of New Providence, Virginia, and its pioneer Scotch-Irish people. Dorothy (Ware) Smith spent three years with the documents and records of the church of New Providence, established in 1746.)

Nell (Bates) Penland, Waycross, Ga. A.B., '20. (Newspaper articles; feature articles in Child Welfare, Christian Education, Fore-cast Magazine, etc.)

"I have done very little profitable literary work, yet when once the germ gets in the blood there is no cure, I'm afraid,—so I keep trying. I have done more advertising work than anything else, and have sold articles to numerous trade journals and newspaper. At present I am working on a short story course and am writing for a group of Youth publications. I am finding the work interesting but hardly profitable yet! I always have hope of writing the great American novel, but I am the kind who stops in the middle of a story to get a Coca-Cola as soon as some friend blows the horn, so I doubt that I'll ever really 'arrive'."

Celeste (Dunbar) Lindsay, Miami, Fla. A.B., '11. (Author of "Red Dusk" and of "Quality House," published by The Dial Press.)

(Telegram)

"Thank you for your invitation for May 23rd. I deeply regret that I cannot be with you. It is a privilege and an honor to be numbered among the daughters of Wesleyan and whatever I have attained or shall attain in the way of literary achievement is due primarily to the inspiration of the years spent within her hospitable walls and the influence and encouragement of my teachers and associates there. I cannot pay too great a tribute to the spirit and traditions of our Alma Mater, and I join with you today in singing 'Wesleyanna of Great renown'."

Elizabeth (Coates) James, St. Petersburg, Fla. A. B., '27. (Newspaper and magazine feature articles.)

"If I were half as successful in literary circles as your charming invitation would indicate, I would hop the night plane and attend your party, then come home next day. But you see I am not really as successful as somebody has indicated to you.

"My only work that sells on a ready market is a newspaper column about books that is entitled, 'Great Books in Brief'. The Bell Syndicate of New York handles the feature, which now runs in a dozen or more newspapers of which four are in foreign countries.

"In addition I write all kinds of things, which activity has brought me the largest and most varied collection of rejection slips

in the state of Florida. Please give my good wishes to all my Wesleyan friends and tell them I am still hoping to do something. But as yet I am in the Freshman Class!"

Freda (Kaplan) Nadler, Cleveland, Ohio. A.B., '26. (Newspaper reporting and feature articles. Dramatizations for radio.)

"Your thrilling invitations challenges me to dash off the Great American Novel to deserve being an honor guest at your spring tea. Nevertheless I should have loved seeing you all and basking in glory. I am heartbroken that distance and circumstances prevents my coming. Sincerest thanks and sisterly greetings."

Rietta Bailey, Cochran, Ga. A.B., '33. (Author of "Mourners to Glory," "Washed in de Blood," "Heaven Ain't Far," Negro folk plays written for Carolina Play-makers' Theatre, Chapel Hill.)

"I regret that I cannot be with you. My work here at the University of North Carolina will not be finished until June 6. Immediately after that I go to Roanoke Island for work in the summer production of Mr. Green's 'Lost Colony'.

"I am hoping to do a series of short plays some day about Wesleyan people and Wesleyan's history which can be adapted for stage and radio. I believe that through plays the past and present life of our college may be vividly caught and expressed in a live and interesting manner. Her history has certainly been dramatic, and I believe there is a great store of material which may be used.

"My interest in play writing began at Wesleyan under Miss Virginia Garner and I am sure that she was the never-ending drive of inspiration for many girls who crept trembling into her classes and stayed to be fired by her enthusiasm. I feel that I have made a small beginning and hope that by hard work and patience I can create in plays the life of Georgia people, both black and white, with something of truth."

Catharine Rourk, Savannah, Ga. B.S., '21. (Officer in The Poetry Society of Georgia.)

"I deeply appreciate the invitation to be present at the tea given by the Atlanta Alumnae, and regret that I cannot attend as I am a 'schoolmarm' who loves her job and must be on duty.

"I wish to congratulate your association

for its active, faithful, and successful participation in the campaign to help Wesleyan continue to uphold her ideals and standards."

Betty (Stayer) New, Macon, Ga. A.B., '35. (Newspaper work.)

"About all the creating I've done since my graduation has been along the lines of a family and a column of social chatter in a newspaper, hardly to be classed as 'literary'. I know the tea is going to be fun, and surely never again in my lifetime shall I be so honored; you know it is with deep regret that I must decline."

Carrie (Stubbs) Christian, Chatham, N. J. Class of 1909. (Articles for church school magazines.)

"You know 'writing when properly managed is but a different name for conversation', and during the nine years I worked in Christian Education I felt the need of an interchange of experiences and reactions with other groups. Hence, most of what I have written has been published in Church School magazines. I have aspirations that some day what I have written for a text-book for Intermediates will be published. Then I will feel worthy to be honored. Last year I did an article about the Churches of New York City, ones I had visited, and for that I received a radio prize."

Mary Eunice Sapp, Brunswick, Ga. A.B., '27. (Author of play produced by Brunswick Little Theatre; also articles and skits.)

"I greatly regret that it will be impossible for me to accept your invitation. It would have been a real pleasure for me to meet the members of your club."

"As an officer in our local alumnae club I have noted with interest the work done by the Atlanta groups, and I feel that their contributions in service and in loyalty are examples for other clubs to follow."

Mary (Callaway) Jones, Clinton, Ga. Special, 1898. (Feature articles and historical pamphlets.)

(Telegram)

"Warmest greetings, best wishes for a successful annual meeting. Greatly disappointed that I cannot be with you."

Lucy Fulghum, Tampa, Fla. Class of 1935. (On staff of The Tampa Morning Tribune.)

"Marjorie Rawlings probably wasn't half as thrilled to be given the Pulitzer prize as

I was to be invited to the Atlanta Club's tea for alumnae writers. I was so elated, in fact, that I almost took myself seriously to the point of pulling down an unabridged dictionary and with its help composing a dignified letter of regret at being unable to attend."

"The only thing that deterred me was the possibility that my sister, Hazel (Fulghum) Akers, might be present and hear the masterpiece. Her expression on hearing such a letter from the relative who always calls on her for the spelling of three-syllable words, would have given my literary efforts dead away."

Florrie Jean (Richards) Lightfoot, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Class of 1895.

(Author of "Bits of Arden," a book of poems.)

"May I take this opportunity to tell you Wesleyan sisters that I am presuming to attempt a book for publication on the subject so near the heart of every Southerner, "The Days of the Confederacy," though that will not be the name of the book. In it, I am giving several pages to Wesleyan at that time, including a picture of our Alma Mater as she stood then. I should so appreciate any anecdote or historical narrative handed down by your mothers or grandmothers who attended Wesleyan during some of those dark days. My address will be in care of my son, R. M. Lightfoot, Jr., Librarian, Scranton-Keystone College, La Plume, Pennsylvania."

Nelle (Edwards) Smith, Eastman, Ga. A.B., '32. (Newspaper articles; poems in Atlanta newspapers, poetry journals. Former president of the Macon Writers' Club.)

"When your nice letter came I had almost forgotten, for the present, that I ever tried to write anything. You will understand this when I tell you that I have a new baby! He is my first and only a few weeks old, so I must forego the trip to Atlanta and the pleasure of feeling 'distinguished' for a whole afternoon."

"When the name of Wesleyan and all she has meant to girls of the past and present come to mind, I always see the gentle face of my grandfather who loved Wesleyan girls of each generation almost as much as he loved the one he married. And today, thinking of a birthday poem I tried to write for him one year, I am forcibly struck by the

fact that with the change of one pronoun it might apply to Wesleyan herself—always young, always a dream for the future—seems as symbolic and prophetic of a resurgent urge forward as did his own vivid imagination. The verse appeared in Papa's (Harry Stillwell Edwards) column, "What Comes Down My Creek" in the Atlanta Journal. I enclose a copy."

Virginia (Connelly) Courtright, Altoona, Penn. (Assistant editor, Christian Publications, Inc. Edited Council Fires, weekly Sunday School paper for young people.)

(Telegram)

"Find greetings in Galatians one, verses three through five. Regret my inability to meet with you today, but appreciate your invitation. I have only used my talent to glorify Christ and spread His gospel."

Sara Branham, Washington, D. C. A.B., '07. (M.D., Ph.D. Author of innumerable articles on scientific subjects.)

"I appreciate your invitation very much indeed, for Atlanta is really home to me. If you will not insist upon my being too prosaically literal I will say there is hardly a square inch of Atlanta that does not contain a friend or a pleasant association. It happens that I have had a severe illness and am still in the convalescent stage, so I shall have to forego my usual spring visit to Georgia."

Carrie B. Speer, Americus, Ga. A.B. 1888. (Newspaper articles.)

"Thank you for the very kind invitation of the Atlanta Alumnae Club. Several of my classmates who have won distinction are in Atlanta. I am very proud of the class of '88! My sister, Mrs. Charles L. Ansley, graduated in 1881, and six of us (cousins) have been to Wesleyan. Jerry Cowles, who was mayor pro tem of Macon when Wesleyan was built, was a relative. He was a picturesque figure."

"I am anxious to make a contribution to county history in the shape of a pictorial review of Wesleyan girls and founders."

Agnes (Akin) Atkinson, Altadena, Calif. Special, 1905. (Author of "Blinky, Biography of a Ringtail"; "Skinny, the Gray Fox"; and "Perkey, Biography of a Skunk," published by The Viking Press.)

"It would give me great pleasure to be with

the Atlanta Wesleyan alumnae. I regret that I must miss the opportunity to be with those who are climbing the ladder to success in the field of writing. It is a hard one, but a delightfully pleasant journey, since we all enjoy doing the things we are interested in."

Alberta (Dell) McLeod, Columbia, S. C. A.B., '27. Feature articles. Prizes in various commercial contests for writing.)

"The very thought of being with you makes me want to hop a plane at once. My message is: Memories of Miss Garner's blue pencil and my own critical powers too highly developed by years of teaching English have made my writing urge a fiendish taskmaster whom I am ever striving to please. If I ever do please him, I shall be truly 'one of Wesleyan's daughters who have attained distinction in literary circles.' I haven't yet!"

Frances (Freeman) Taylor, Miami, Fla. A.B., '92. (Poetry in "American Voices Anthology." History of Marion County's part in Seminole War.)

"I feel that it is an honor to be a daughter of Wesleyan and any small achievement of mine I'm glad to put as a tiny star in her crown. May our work, love and prayers be always at the command of our beloved Alma Mater."

"My class holds the distinction of being the first class to have class day exercises."

Jewel (Faver) Glass, LaGrange, Ga.

"When I read your letter I was at first flattered, then excited, and I am still delighted beyond expression to be included among the honor guests at the tea given by Wesleyan alumnae of Atlanta."

"There is something about being a Wesleyan girl that seems to cling always as a keep-sake Wesleyan gave each of her daughters as a parting gift when they left her. Truly, she gave us something beautiful to keep, and I believe the heart of each alumna glows when someone mentions Wesleyan."

"In case you meant, in asking for a 'message', something I have written, I enclose an essay on Gardens which won for me the Prose Prize of the Garden Clubs of Georgia in 1935, and one of my poems. I am hoping to be with you Tuesday."

Josie Lee (Jeffords) Herrin, Savannah, Ga. Class of 1912. (Member of Poetry Society of Georgia. Poems and feature articles.)

"Although I feel that your 'distinguished in literary circles' is a misnomer. I thank you for the compliment anyway! I have been a member of the Poetry Society of Georgia for several years, and have been asked to serve as their recording secretary this year. I have had a few articles published in Atlanta and Savannah newspapers, but only one in a national magazine, the American Home. A few of my poems have won Popular Prizes of the Poetry Society, and a few have appeared in Poetry magazines; one in Verse Craft, of Emory University, one in Bozart.

"I attended Wesleyan the same time the famous Soong sisters were there. Our beloved president, Dr. DuPont Guerry, Mrs. Burks, Mrs. Florrie White, 'Uncle Johnson', the faithful old nurse, 'Aunt Anna', the dear old buildings—all are interwoven in the memories of every student of that time. May we alumnae, who love both the old and the new Wesleyan, do all in our power to free her of financial burden. Mrs. Flournoy, president of the State Garden Club, said at the convention of the club in Brunswick, "What six thousand women want, they can get!" There are six thousand of us, and surely we want Wesleyan's future badly enough!

"I enclose two of my poems which appeared in "The Lantern", a little poetry magazine published in New York."

Regrets came also from:

Kathryn Barnwell and **Annie Lou Hardy** of the Society Department of the Atlanta Constitution; **Louise Mackay**, society editor of the Atlanta Journal.

Emmie (Norris) Hall of Milledgeville, who won short story prize and has had poems published in various journals.

Mary Dudley (Fort) Colley of Grantville; **Lella** and **Ruth Clark** of Macon; writers of feature articles.

Ada (McElhannon) Holder of Jackson, editor of the Jackson Herald.

Anna (Hughes) Varn of Savannah, who has had poems accepted by poetry journals.

Katherine Burford of Atlanta, whose poems have appeared in Atlanta newspapers.

Louise (Frederick) Hays, writer of feature articles, Director of the Department of Archives and History in Atlanta.

Nancy Stewart, member of the Macon Quill Club, critic of the Macon Writers' Club.

Clara (Rumph) Grice of Macon, whose poems have appeared in numerous magazines.

Jessie Hopkins, head of the Atlanta Carnegie Library, who has written numerous book reviews and articles for library publications.

Lamar Sparks, Atlanta, formerly with the Constitution and Georgian, who has had articles in Better Homes and Gardens.

Elizabeth (Davenport) Plant of Lookout Mountain, Tenn., whose delightful "Don't Pardon My Southern Accent," appeared in the Junior League Magazine.

Isabella Harris, Washington, D. C., feature articles; winner of Good Housekeeping prize in Twelve Greatest Women contest.

Margaret (Harris) Freeman, formerly of Atlanta, now of Beverly Hills, Calif., where her husband is with Paramount Studios.

Mary Stanford of Macon, whose articles have appeared in educational journals.

Bessie (Lester) Hart of Macon, member of the Macon Writers' Club, author of numerous book reviews in Macon papers.

Wesleyan Alumnae Ways of Raising Money

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Raising money is more a matter of effort than any other one thing. Many of us are like the farmer, whom Jonathon Daniels tells about in "A Southerner Discovers the South."

A book salesman was trying to sell him a

book on scientific agriculture. The salesman said to him, "Why, don't you know that if you read this book, you would know how to be twice as good a farmer?" The farmer replied, "Sakes alive, man, I ain't half as good a farmer as I know how, now."

So, if we would do the things we already know, we would probably make twice as much money for Wesleyan as we do now. However, occasionally we hear of new ideas. So I have compiled for you the suggestions for raising money that have been given to me, many of them from various alumnae clubs.

Among others, I would like to give credit to Edith (Stetson) Coleman of Macon, who has given me many of these plans. She has tried many ways. When people would say they could not give to Wesleyan, she would ask, "Will you give me a dime a week if I send for it?" She gave twenty of these people envelopes and collected them herself every Saturday, thus raising \$100.00, or more, from a seeming impossible source. She has suggested that some one design a Wesleyan stamp, to be sold by the Alumnae Club. Briefly, I shall give you these suggestions:

I. Many clubs sell vanilla. If you buy a half gross (72) bottles for \$15.00, you get nine extra bottles. Sell the total 81 for \$32.40, making a profit of \$17.40. These are 4-oz. bottles that sell for 40c. It is the very best vanilla I have ever used—much stronger than other brands. The address is: J. S. Brogdon, 224 Luckie, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

II. One Wesleyan group has sold dry mops, which are tied on a broom and can be taken off and washed. They are "grand". By buying three (3) dozen for \$18.00 and selling the mops at \$1.00 each, \$18.00 is cleared. The address is: Glenco Products Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

III. The Wesleyan Cook Books are lovely. They make appropriate gifts for brides. The price is \$1.50. \$1.00 is sent to Wesleyan. The Club may keep 50c. Order these from Mrs. S. T. Coleman, 317 College Street, Macon, Georgia.

IV. Rummage Sales may be called "White Elephant Bazaars" or "Gold Diggers Loot Sale."

V. Silver Teas—An Apron Tea is a "different" one. Make tiny aprons of red or blue percale, or print, with tiny pocket and waist band. These are mailed with an attractive verse as invitations to come to a tea and bring the number of pennies corresponding to your waist line, (and don't cheat). The party may be in a lovely home, or a garden party. Of course, refreshments must be do-

nated.

VI. Benefit Bridge parties—Everybody else makes money this way.

VII. Movie Benefits—Get your local Manager to let your Club members act as hostesses for some special picture. Tell him that you will wear costumes or dress in evening dresses, invite all your friends and get publicity for the picture. This can be done on a percentage of his profit, or a set amount can be determined before the affair.

The Atlanta Club has the first bid to be hostesses for the World Premiere in Atlanta of "Gone With The Wind".

VIII. Co-operation with stores in sales. Why not get one of your local stores to let you sell for a day—for a percentage? Then, it is up to you to get every one in town in the store that day.

IX. (1) A Department Store in Augusta offered a prize of \$50.00 for the largest number of votes polled in the store on Womens' Day. The Augusta Wesleyan Alumnae Club won the prize.

(2) Allen's, in Atlanta, set a certain day for the girls going to various colleges to register in their store. More girls registered for Wesleyan and the Atlanta Alumnae Club won the prize of \$25.00.

X. "Possibilities," a play written and adapted for Macon by Marian (Elder) Jones, was given with great success by the Macon Alumnae Club. \$500.00 was cleared. This can be adapted to any town. Mrs. Jones has offered her services to start the rehearsals and help adapt and direct this play—for her railroad expenses—also, to give her royalty to any alumnae club giving the play for the benefit of Wesleyan. This is based on the story of a Mother's dream of the future of her child. Many people may be used, which increases interest and attendance. As a curtainraiser, impersonations of twelve or fourteen leading movie actresses were done by some of the most popular and prominent men in town.

We are indebted to Mrs. Malcolm Jones, 119 Buford place, Macon, Georgia, for this way of raising money.

XI. Serving dinners and lunches for clubs. One organization in Macon cleared \$95.00 on a Sunday night supper for Wesleyan. Most of the food was given them by merchants.

XII. Treasure Hunts.

XIII. Progressive Dinners.

XIV. Lectures by alumnae.

(1) Mrs. Stewart Colley (Mary Dudley Fort) of Grantville, Ga., will give Psychology lectures. These are usually very well attended. They may be called Forums or Talkfeasts and given as a series in homes—either with or without refreshments.

(2) Mrs. Frank Mitchell, (Mattibel Pope), of Macon, gives an address on "World Conditions Today," which is very fine. Mrs. Mitchell is a brilliant alumna, who has traveled extensively. She will give this address

ten times for \$10.00 each—just for Wesleyan. This lecture is good for children as well as adults.

XV. Some one has suggested a benefit football game. If there is an alumna, who is able to help with this, or has some "pull" with the Southern Conference Officials, it would be a wonderful way of raising money.

I am sure that many of the alumnae know of other profitable ventures that have been undertaken for Wesleyan. Will you pass these suggestions on to the Alumnae Office so that all the clubs may know about them?

Columbus Wesleyan Club

By Minnie (Smith) Ziegler

Under the fine leadership of Woodie (Schley) Campbell, the Columbus Alumnae Club has enjoyed one of the most outstanding year's work since its organization. An active membership of 65 alumnae with a number of new members was reported at a recent executive board meeting. Other officers are Helen (Owen) Forrester, vice-president, Elizabeth Harris, secretary-treasurer, Anna (Quillian) Janes, corresponding secretary; Marguerite Johnston, registrar; Irene Moyer, scrap book; Minnie (Smith) Ziegler, publicity chairman; Frances (Callahan) Belk, program chairman; Elizabeth Rogers, scholarship; Florence Pringle, budget chairman.

An excellent program with Year books was presented using the theme, "The Wesleyan Club Encircles the Globe".

The local club entertained the District Rally, sent delegates to the Council meeting, the Presidents' dinner and to commencement. Two alumnae, Vera Courson and Minnie Smith Ziegler were invited guests of the Atlanta Wesleyan Association at the Writers' tea honoring Wesleyan daughters who had

achieved distinction in literary circles. Accompanied twelve seniors to the college on "Dormitory Day". Annabel Horn, National President, was a guest of the club. Weeta (Watts) Mathews as speaker, and Minnie (Smith) Ziegler as director of publicity, worked for weeks during the Wesleyan Campaign. Numbers of talks were made and news stories on Wesleyan were furnished every newspaper in the district throughout the campaign. Broadcasts given.

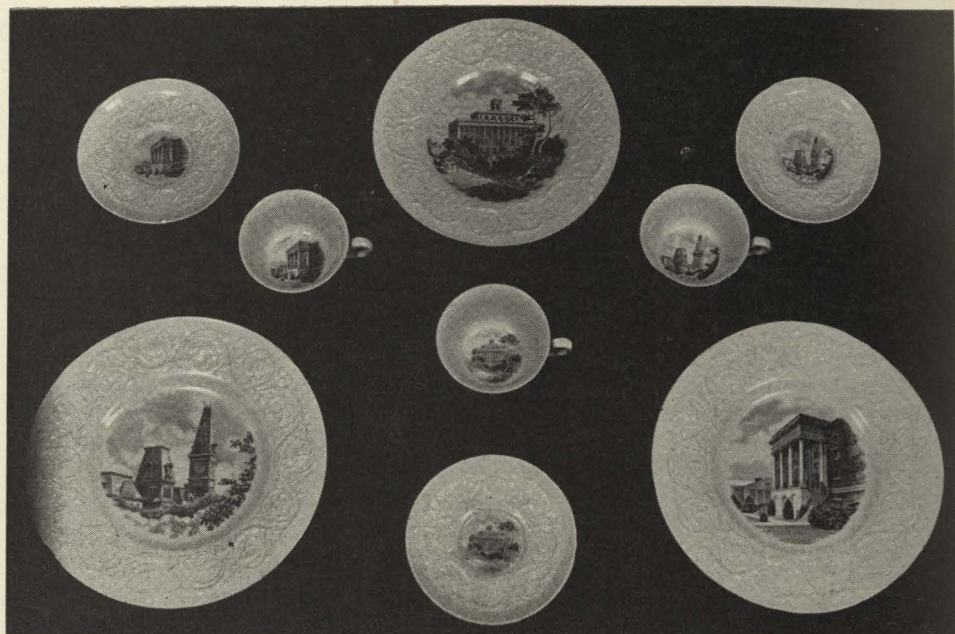
Assisted in planning the district rally held at Lumpkin.

Alumnae contributed \$1,000. A number of members assisted in the solicitation in the district.

A benefit tea was given. A gift of \$80.00 was sent "Alumnae Day."

Members will continue visiting prospective students during the summer months. A party will be given Juniors and Seniors in the early fall.

Regular quarterly meeting will be resumed the third Tuesday in October.



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